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COMMUNICATION

In support of the call for a declaration under 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2) and distinction of the claimed electrode layer from the antistatic disclosure of the cited Nishino patent in the Response of September 12, 2003, the applicant attaches copies of pages 628-631 of Zweifel, H., ed., Plastics Additives Handbook of 2001.

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The date of the Handbook is not prior art to the 1995 priority of the application, but the Handbook supports the applicant's position that the antistatic disclosure of the Nishino patent does not suggest the electrode of the claimed invention, whereby any such suggestion should be supported by another reference or a declaration of the Examiner's knowledge of the suggestion.

The Handbook supports the applicant's position at section 10.2.2 Internal Antistatic Additives: "The conductive path consists of a thin water layer, which the antistatic additive adsorbs from the atmosphere." A water layer is not an electrode layer as claimed.

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